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Dear Jerry,

Your letter of 6/27 probably arrived the day I left for New Orleans, and I was in the air before the mail got here. I was there for 15 days and am now more thanever snowed under. I wrote another book before I left (COUP D'ETAT: LAOCOON THE CIA), and now must go over it and the much-postponed POST MORTEM, and many other things, like the notes and tapes of all these new interviews. Generally, I think this was a very successful trip. Being too busy and too broke, I also lost 10 pounds, an excellent bonus.

Thanks for the tapes and the states from the Times.

Anything on Thornley will be helpful. I learn from the other side that he is preparing to sue me. Aside from the problems of getting a lawyer when I have no money, I welcome this and fear it will not happen. It can't if any sensible person talks to him. He is widely misrepresenting things, and ~~xxxx~~ ultimately that helps, if temporarily it misinforms people.

I haven't kept up on Bradley. I think the hearing was held and the decision was taken under advisement. When I get off like this I have no time to read the papers or listen to the radio.

On this trip, among many things, most of which I cannot communicate this way, I established the existence of a minimum of four training camps on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain and two ammo dumps. My information is solid, from people who were there, including officials and from businessmen who had normal business relations with some. I even have the girl-friend of Ricardo Davis on tape with her graphic description of the most frightening moment of her life, when she went to the camp with him the last night! Also many other things.

It happens that the clips you sent are fine, important, but I cannot read them. The Times 11/20/63 story by Fred Powledge has a number of really important things in it. Is it possible to get this actual size? I can barely read it with a magnifying glass. This means I can't use it publicly and I will want to, possibly in court. Also, I think it is significant that Oswald got only anti-Communist books from the library.

The 11/23 story with the banner head, "Death came as Kennedy Sought a New Foreign Policy Geared to Changes in World Outlook" can be exactly what I need for Tiger. Again, is it possible to get that in readable size without spending a fortune?

Canyon has allowed itself to be blackmailed by Bringuier, needlessly and behind my back. The deal was almost set when I learned about it by accident. They then promised to sign nothing without consulting me and to specify they acknowledged no error in the book. They were also to have included a statement from me saying that I entirely disagreed. Cowards, they didn't even do this and they sent a letter while Bringuier was trying to withdraw the same suit he had filed against Dell and Saga and me, although he has not served me and has made no effort to. The result of this will be a burst of bad publicity when the other side can use it against any or all of us. They did it to save a few bucks in legal costs. We will oppose his motion to withdraw the suit Wednesday, when it is scheduled for argument, and will specify that he is prostituting the courts to blackmail and suppress. We will insist on going ahead to end the blackmail. If I can get a lawyer I will sue him for damages. I can do things in a civil suit that cannot be done in a criminal one. He is a rotten fascist and possibly insane to boot. He is certainly irrational. I've written an answer to Epstein for BOOKS, to be in the coming issue. Best to all,